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"Nothing great was ever achieved without enthusiasm" (Ralph Waldo Emerson)

Please Note: I am currently on detail to the EPA Region 10 office in Portland, Oregon until July 23, 2016. Thank you!



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I have lived all my life in Oregon and most of it with the Willamette River being an active part of my surroundings; Swimming in it, boating on it, enjoying it. I feel this river belongs to me.

Now when I am on the River, I first have to question whether I want to put my feet into it.

It seems businesses are more concerned with their profits than they are with the environment, so dumping into our beloved river over the years was just ignored.

IT IS TIME THEY PAID THE PRICE AND WERE FINED FOR THE DAMAGE THEY HAVE DONE.

- 1) The Draft Cleanup Plan removes far too little contaminated sediment from the Willamette River. WR recommends that at least 1000 acres of polluted sediment be removed from the river.
- 2) The Draft Cleanup Plan prescribes far too much "Monitored Natural Recovery" which in essence leaves polluted material in the river, and monitors it over time.

- 3) The goal of the cleanup must be to end the Fish Consumption Advisory related to pollutants found in the Portland Harbor stretch of the Willamette River. That must apply to all people. The US EPA must provide a date by which the advisory will be lifted.
- 4) Those who have liability for the PCBs, PAH, DDT and other pollutants now in the river sediments, must meet their community obligation to do the right thing and conduct a comprehensive and timely cleanup.

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